

What is Claimed Is:

1. An airbag device for a vehicle, the airbag device comprising:
an airbag having an interior that is inflated during airbag deployment; and
an elongate securing member that includes a portion extending in the interior of the airbag for securing the airbag to the vehicle.
2. The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the airbag includes a throughhole through which the elongate securing member extends.
3. The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the airbag includes a vent hole that allows gas to escape from the interior of the airbag during airbag deployment and through which the elongate securing member extends.
4. The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member is a single elongate securing member.
5. The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member is of flexible material.
6. The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the airbag includes an interior surface and the elongate securing member includes an end connected to the airbag interior surface.
7. The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member includes a triangular shaped end portion for being connected to the airbag.
8. The airbag device of claim 7 wherein the elongate securing member portion includes interior sections of the triangular end portion, the airbag includes an entry through hole through which the securing member extends and a pair of exit through holes through which the end portion sections extend, and
an exterior section of the triangular end portion interconnecting the interior sections external of the airbag.
9. The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member portion includes a pair of ends.

10. The airbag device of claim 9 wherein the airbag includes a pair of through holes through which the pair of ends are inserted into the interior of the airbag.
11. The airbag device of claim 9 wherein the airbag includes an interior surface and a plurality of guide members on the airbag interior surface and through which the pair of ends are guided along the airbag interior surface.
12. The airbag device of claim 9 wherein the elongate securing member is of flexible material having a predetermined thickness, and
a fastener for connecting the securing member to the vehicle and including an insertion portion defining a gap spacing having a predetermined height greater than the predetermined thickness of the securing member material to allow the securing member to freely extend through the insertion portion via the gap spacing thereof.
13. The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the vehicle is a motorcycle, and the elongate securing member extends substantially centrally in a fore and aft direction along the motorcycle.
14. The airbag device of claim 13 wherein the airbag includes an accordion-fold portion and a roll-fold portion prior to airbag deployment and the elongate securing member portion extends in the interior of the roll-fold portion.
15. An airbag device for a motorcycle, the airbag device comprising:
an airbag for being inflated during airbag deployment; and
an elongate securing member for securing the airbag to the motorcycle and extending centrally in a fore and aft direction along the motorcycle in an area generally between legs of a rider of the motorcycle to minimize interference with the rider during airbag deployment.
16. The airbag device of claim 15 wherein the airbag has an interior, and the elongate securing member includes a portion extending in the interior of the airbag.
17. The airbag device of claim 15 wherein the elongate securing member includes a triangular end portion secured to the airbag to resist side-to-side swinging of the airbag during deployment thereof.

18. The airbag device of claim 15 wherein the elongate securing member includes a pair of ends secured to the airbag at vertically spaced positions to restrict vertical movement of the airbag.

19. The airbag device of claim 15 wherein the airbag includes an accordion-fold portion and a roll-fold portion with the accordion-fold portion being inflated followed by inflation of the roll-fold portion for smooth deployment of the airbag.

20. The airbag device of claim 19 wherein the elongate securing member is secured to the airbag roll-fold portion.